

U.S. Officials Only

CONFIDENTIAL

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY French Cameroons

SUBJECT Duala, Port Information

PLACE ACQUIRED
(BY SOURCE)

DATE ACQUIRED
(BY SOURCE)

DATE (OF INFO.)

25X1A

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES, WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 18, SECTIONS 793 AND 794, OF THE U.S. CODE, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS TO OR RECEIPT BY AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. THE REPRODUCTION OF THIS REPORT IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

SOURCE Officer of a UN merchant ship.

The Office of Naval Intelligence furnished the following information to CIA for IAC dissemination in accordance with paragraph 3c of NSCID #7. This information was obtained by DIO-3ND and was forwarded as ONI report 20-54.

1. Hydrography: The channels are being dredged continuously and the pilots say that 23 feet is the maximum draft for vessels during high water.
2. Berthing Facilities: The new dock extension is almost completed, and four ships can now be berthed there. When it is completed there will be room for seven ships at the new wharf, making a total berthing space for 11 ships at Duala, exclusive of the fruit pier at Bonaberi. The wharf at Bonaberi is also being extended to provide berthing space for three ships.
3. Storage and Handling Facilities: On the new extension at Duala four new warehouses are in various stages of completion. They are approximately 100 meters long by 50 meters deep. They open directly onto the stringpiece which is constructed by poured cement and is about 100 feet wide. The offshore side of each warehouse opens onto a loading platform for direct loading into trucks or railway cars. A railroad siding runs to each warehouse. Between the warehouses and the port limits there is open storage ranging from 200 to 1000 feet deep. The area is mostly of poured concrete and is serviced by numerous railroad tracks. More warehouses may be constructed in time should the traffic so require. A new log storage yard is being developed at the northern end of the new wharf extension. This will be serviced by a travelling overhead crane of at least 5-ton capacity.
4. New Bridge: A road and rail bridge is under construction between Bonaberi and Duala. When completed it will enable trade from the northern Cameroons to use the port of Duala to a greater extent than at present. This bridge is expected to be completed in 1954.

LIBRARY SUBJECT & AREA CODES

ONI DECLASSIFICATION/RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS ON FILE

756.548 17G 754.8 17G
756.543 17G
756.549 17G
756.545 17G
755.82 17G

U.S. Officials Only

CONFIDENTIAL

DISTRIBUTION	STATE	ARMY	NAVY	AIR	FBI						
--------------	-------	------	------	-----	-----	--	--	--	--	--	--

This report is for the use within the USA of the Intelligence components of the Departments or Agencies indicated above. It is not to be transmitted overseas without the concurrence of the originating office through the Assistant Director of the Office of Collection and Dissemination, CIA.